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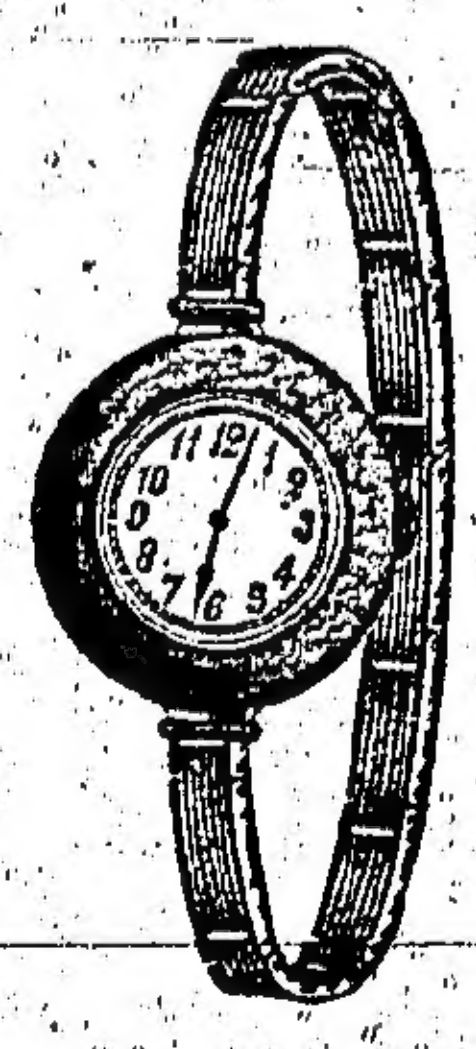
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SUBMARINES.HOW THE "TRIUMPH" WAS
TORPEDOED AT THE
DARDANELLES.

By E. Ashmead-Bartlett.

It was on May 22nd the actual presence of submarines in the neighbourhood of the Dardanelles was proved beyond doubt. At this time I was living on the battleship Swiftsure, the flagship of Rear-Admiral Sir Stewart Nicholson. At 1.30 p.m. the

perspective of a submarine was sighted from the destroyer and also from the battleship Prince George. The Prince George fired two rounds, which had the effect of making the submarine dive. The danger was imminent, as all the battleships, cruisers and transports were at anchor and

presented a splendid target. Immediately the destroyers dashed out to cover this mass of vessels, throwing up dense columns of black smoke. They hunted up and down the spot where she had first been sighted, endeavouring to ram her or to

force her to rise and disclose her position. As if by magic every battleship and every transport in a position to do so weighed anchor and steamed away at full speed. That night all the vessels whose presence on the coast was not essential were ordered to various points for safety.

The Swiftsure remained at her old anchorage of Cape Helles, together with some of the older battleships, whilst the Canopus, Vengeance, and Albion patrolled the coast round the Australian position at Gaba Tepe, but did not anchor.

The first fruits of the submarine menace were seen on the following morning, when the battleship Albion went ashore south of Gaba Tepe in a local fog at four a.m. As soon as it became light the Turkish field batteries opened up a tremendous bombardment on her, but, fortunately, they were still a long way from the coast.

One of the Turkish battleships up the Straits, probably the Barbarossa, fired a few rounds of 11-inch without scoring a hit, and was herself driven away by one of our battleships.

When the light became clearer we saw the Swiftsure, and the Albion lying close inshore, and the enemy's shrapnel bursting all around her. Amongst other vessels which went to her aid was the yacht Triad, which also came in for a heavy fire, and was hit several times.

CHRONICLE TO THE SPOT.

This yacht, without any armour or protection, behaved with the greatest gallantry, as also did the destroyers, which were still a long way from the coast. The battleship Canopus, which has played such a gallant role all over the world in this war, stood in alone to the Albion, got a wire hawser aboard, and attempted to tow her off under a very heavy fire; but the cable immediately snapped. Two other cables, however, were made fast, and the towing commenced. The crew of the Albion were all ordered to jump on the quarter-deck to try to shift her bows off the sandbank; at the same time the Albion fired her main and fore 8-in. guns opened up a tremendous bombardment on the Turkish positions, to lighten the ship and try to shift her by the concussion of the guns. At about ten a.m., perseverance and the towing of the Canopus prevailed, and we had the great satisfaction of seeing the two vessels glide slowly into deep water, without either having suffered much harm. The Albion was hit over two hundred times by shrapnel and common shell, but this had little or no effect on her thick armour. The casualty amongst the crew was few.

When, may be asked, Was the effect of these continual alarms on the crews of our ships? On a ship like the Swiftsure, carrying nearly all active service ratings, highly disciplined, and as keen as mustard, the whole thing seemed to be regarded as a form of sport. The men actually got up a sweepstakes, the winner to be the first man who actually sighted a periscope. There was, in fact, the greatest keenness on board to stamp out these pests. The 14 pounders were kept loaded, with their crews on watch by day and asleep around them at night.

DAVID AND GOLIATH.
Mixed up with this feeling of menace and invisible danger there is also a sense of the ridiculous, which lends a humorous aspect to the affair. You feel as Goliath must have felt just before the fatal stone came whizzing from David's sling. You have an impression in your mind that, although the elusive little beggar may possibly sink

another ship, he could never do any harm to the one you are on. Then there is the never failing amusement caused by the various ways each individual on board provides for his own safety. Some people believe in a collar which is blown out and worn round the neck. Others will tell you, confidentially, of two men who, by way of experiment, jumped into the water with collars on, and both had their necks broken. Others carry belts which resemble bicycle tyres cut in half. You blow these out and tie them round your waist. But the Gaba Tepe is the most popular of all. This is an ordinary waistcoat which you can wear under your coat, and which, when the emergency arises, you blow out through a tube.

It is certainly amusing to see a lot of thin officers and men suddenly swelling to gigantic proportions in moments of danger as they quickly blow up their waistcoats, underneath their coats. The older crews, consisting chiefly of reservists, feel a strain of this constant submergence, more than those manned by the active service ratings.

A KIBBOUR ESCAPE.
Events now developed fast. At eight o'clock on the morning of May 22, the Swiftsure's two fourteen pounders, one of which was in rapid succession at the periscope of a submarine which had appeared on our port bow only three hundred yards away. Why she did not discharge a torpedo remains a mystery, as she had our ship as a target, and also the Albion and Argonne quite close. It is thought she was trying to make the entrance to the Dardanelles, came up blind amongst the ships, and was scared by our guns and the small craft before she could lay on any target.

At 10.30 a.m. the battleship Vengeance, which was cruising up and down the coast, reported the high noon of the day, but missed. There were also rumours of her submarine off Gaba Tepe, so it seemed there were two in the neighbourhood.

We were at lunch in the wardroom of the Swiftsure when a significant entrance by his cap in his hand, and went up to the commander, saying, "Beg pardon, sir, the Triumph is listing." This news came as a thunderbolt, and everyone rushed up on the quarter-deck. The Triumph was at anchor, or else steaming very slowly up and down off the coast in her old position, south of Gaba Tepe, when she was struck by two torpedoes. Her nets were down at the time, but both torpedoes either passed through or underneath them. When we reached the deck the Triumph was already listing, and it was obvious she would turn right over in a few minutes. On these occasions one battleship is not allowed to go to the assistance of another through fear of being torpedoed by the same submarine, but a trawler and a destroyer were quite close to the coast in her old position, south of Gaba Tepe, when she was struck by two torpedoes. 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THE WAR.

(Hauter's Service to the China Mail.)

WESTERN FRONT.

LATEST NEWS.

PARIS, Dec. 8.

Reference to minor German attacks is a feature of the *communiqué*.

Machine guns prevented the Germans restoring the destroyed works at Hetsas and artillery to the north of Arras stopped a German attack.

Our guns destroyed a defensive work in the Roze region and our bombers continued to progress to the south of Soupli.

A fierce engagement is proceeding to the east of Souain Hill.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE BALKANS.

The *communiqué* adds that the Bulgarians on Sunday violently attacked the bridgehead at Demirkap on the Vardar, and were completely repulsed. There was calm over the whole front on Monday.

MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

THE BATTLE OF CTESIPHON.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain announced that in the battle of Ctesiphon 643 British were killed and 594 are missing. It is believed that during the retreat our losses were less than 300. Some reinforcements have already arrived.

Mr. Chamberlain eulogized, amid cheers, the military quality of the troops—British and Indian—and said that the condition of the wounded was most satisfactory.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN HARVEST A FAILURE.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES.

ZURICH, Dec. 8.

Sensational disclosures have been made with reference to the shortage of grain in Austria-Hungary. In a speech by the Secretary of the Vienna Provision Market, he says that the harvest has been most disappointing, and that it would be a great mistake if the Government let the public suppose that the opening of the Danube would change the situation. Only the most skillful administration and the greatest economy would carry the country on till next harvest.

FOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDERS AWARDED.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Simultaneously with the gazetting of Vice-Admiral King Hall's detailed despatches with reference to the destruction of the German cruiser *Koenigsberg*, the announcement is made that five Distinguished Service Orders have been conferred on Captain Fullerton, Commander Robert Wilson, Naval Aeronaut Robert Gordon Cull and Sub-Lieutenant Harwood Arnold.

WOULDN'T "MOVE ON."

A Chinese in the employ of Messrs. C. A. Warren and Co. was charged by Inspector Brazil before Mr. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning with "refusing to move on" last night.

A police sergeant gave evidence that he was on special duty dispersing crowds listening to street preachers, as instructed by the Captain Superintendent of Police. Defendant absolutely refused to go away, saying he had a "full right" to be there, and his attitude was provoking the crowd.

Inspector Brazil said defendant was an educated man, and his conduct might easily have caused a breach of the peace.

"If you don't know you have got to leave that you have not a perfect right to stop in a place from which people are being moved by the police," said his Worship, fining defendant \$25.

WELL-PAID SOLDIERS.

Five Shillings a Day.

The members of the Australian Expeditionary Force may count themselves as the highest paid soldiery in the world. They are the envy as well as the admiration of their comrades. Where the British Tommy receives a shilling a day and fights with a dogged courage which nothing can dismay, the Australian private receives 5s. Even compared with the South African contingent, the difference is very marked. An Australian sergeant-major, quartermaster-sergeant, or a cook is entitled to 11s. a day, while in the South African contingent the relative rates would be 6s., 4s. and 2s. 10d. In the higher ranks there is the same contrast: the Australian officer receiving very nearly twice as much as his South African confrere. Similar divergences are manifest in the field allowances and the pensions. Australia has been munificent in her recognition of the services given.

Sir Herbert Tree, in one of his latest pronouncements, says: "Each of us has a part to play, and it all comes to a question of trench or

COMPANY MEETING.

MESSRS WM. POWELL, LIMITED.

CHARGES AGAINST THE LATE MANAGER.

The fourteenth ordinary meeting of the shareholders of Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., was held this afternoon at the office of Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master, 6 Princes Buildings. There were present Mr. H. J. Gedge presiding, Mr. G. C. Maxon (director), Mr. H. O. Holt (secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. A. Tarrant, W. G. Guggin, G. Martin, F. W. Stapleton, E. Maurice and Mr. H. Percy Smith (auditor).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—The report and statement of accounts for the period ending August 31st, 1915, have been in your hands some days, and with your permission I will take them up now. The first matter I have to touch on is the resignation of the late Managing Director, who it was ascertained had been guilty of most flagrant malpractices. I do not think it will be for the benefit of the Company or serve any good purpose that I should detail them here, but of course the Board will be pleased to give after the meeting any shareholder personally any information desired in this connection. All that I propose to say at this meeting is that by acting promptly on the first hint that something was wrong we were able to secure restitution to a very considerable extent, and I wish to express my appreciation of the great assistance which was rendered to me personally as well as to the Company at a very trying time by Mr. Maxon, who consented at a moment's notice to fill the vacancy on the Board and played a very energetic and forceful part. Gentlemen, in the measures taken to protect your interests, I cannot doubt that the discovery of this man's dishonesty would have been to all of you here as great a shock and surprise as it was to me. The loss shown on the balance sheet, so far as the Board can judge, is the direct result of the fraudulent doings of the late Managing Director, and in no way represents the normal business of which this Company is capable. The Board are assured that if the Company had had in its employ during the last five years an honest Manager or Managing Director the profits would have been highly satisfactory and there is every prospect in view of current business that the Company will speedily recover its position. Your Directors, in order to satisfy themselves, have had the stock most carefully valued for the purpose of the balance sheet now before you, and it fairly represents the value put upon it. It is clean, up to date, and reliable. I am glad to tell you our business at the present time, in spite of war conditions, is showing a marked improvement on last year, and we have every hope that this will continue, and that the shareholders will in the near future receive an adequate return on their investment. Owing to the unfortunate circumstances disclosed in this year's Report, the present Directors propose to waive their fees for the year under notice, and the sum appearing in the balance sheet will be written back. After some consideration we have decided that the most convenient time for taking stock is immediately after our busy season. Your Board therefore propose to end the financial year on the 20th February, 1916, and the next General Meeting will be called as soon as possible after that date when a Report and Balance Sheet will be laid before you.

Mr. Tarrant said the Chairman was quite correct in not giving the full details to that public meeting, and he thought the shareholders would avail themselves of the opportunity to gather the information of which at present they were totally in ignorance. He himself knew nothing except what he had heard outside, but he noticed that there was a deficit of \$35,000 on the working account, whereas last year they had a balance. If the business progressed as the Chairman foreshadowed, there was no reason why they should not have a balance again at the end of next year. It would, however, be interesting to know the number of shareholders who knew anything about what had taken place, and it was also important that they should have an assurance that there would not be a recurrence of the trouble. He took it from what the Chairman had said that that assurance would be forthcoming. The shareholders would also like to have some idea of how the directors had in the past carried out their duties, and a further assurance that they would devote the whole of their time to the business of the Company. Criticism of the directors must arise in a business like that where, in the course of 14 months, they had such a large deficit.

The Chairman, in reply, said that it was in the interest of the meeting that there should be no public disclosure of the affair. After the gentlemen of the Press had withdrawn he would be pleased to show them the position. He had a letter from the late manager in which he admitted the malpractices one by one. As regards the overseeing by the Board, he thought that every one there would agree that nothing would prevent fraud. They had been subject to a series of frauds which could not possibly be found out. Their auditors were experienced and were associated with one of the leading firms of the Colony. If they were going to put a man in who was going to commit a fraud he would commit that fraud unless they stood over him at every stroke of the pen and watched him place every dollar into his side. Mr. Maxon and himself first devoted days and then hours to looking after the interest of the shareholders and, before the late managing director was found out, he himself had

spent many hours in going into the affairs of the Company. The Board hoped to be able to again put the Company on its proper footing and there would be no lack of exertion on the part of the directors.

Mr. Gedge and Mr. Maxon were re-elected members of Board and Mr. H. Percy Smith was re-appointed auditor at the usual remuneration.

SPORTING.

YACHTING.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

In connection with the rowing events arranged for Saturday next, 11th inst., yachting members are reminded that there will be a "yacht races" also.

Handicap Class. Preparatory Gun 3.25 p.m. Starting 3.30 p.m.

One Design Class. Preparatory Gun 3.35 p.m. Starting 3.40 p.m.

Howard Hays & Gael Class. Preparatory Gun 3.45 p.m. Starting 3.50 p.m.

The courses selected will be announced at the Club House prior to the time arranged for starting.

CRUISER RACE, SUNDAY, 12TH INST. The following are the handicaps for the second of the series of Cruiser Championship races:—

CHINESE RAC.	M. S. per mile.
Miranda,	Scratch.
Genoa,	20
Snipe,	40
Scotsgarden,	40
Dorothy II,	1.40
Tutan,	3.20
Fleur,	5.00

ENGLISH RAC.	M. S. per mile.
Feathers,	33
Spoondrift,	40
Eric,	40
Queen Bee,	80
Irene,	50

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

Sapper T. L. Scott joined the Corps on 2. 12. 15, allotted Corps No. 1917 and posted to Engineer Company.

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Members of the Corps are reminded that Volunteers on duty at Belcher's Fort and on the Seachlight are entitled to receive medical treatment free of charge in the Government Civil Hospital, or at out-patient, but they must notify the Hospital Authorities on admission that they are Volunteers and must state in which of the above detachments they are doing duty. Should Volunteers fail to notify the Hospital Authorities as instructed, they will forfeit their right to free medical treatment. When sending for medicine to be repeated, empty bottles are to be returned.

NOTICE OF SECTION.

A revised list of classes is posted on the notice board at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

DETAILS.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—On duty until morning of 13th instant—H. K. V. R.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon:—On duty until morning of 13th instant—H. K. V. R.

NOTE.

Reference Corps Order No. 4 dated 7. 12. 15, the following changes have been made:—On duty 13th instant—Centre Section M.G. Co. On duty 17th instant—Right Section M.G. Co.

PARADES.

Parades on Friday, 10th instant:—3.15 p.m. No. 2 Section Artillery Battery—10 p.m. Gun drill at Headquarters. Sergt. Briley will attend. 6.15 p.m. Scouts Company—Drill on Cricket Ground.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Members are warned that they are required to immediately advise their Platoon Sergeants of any change of address, telephone numbers, etc.

All N. C. Officers will keep this office advised of any change in their own addresses, etc.

PROMOTIONS.

The Hon. C. S. P. has sanctioned the promotion of the following ex-members of the Regular Police to the rank of Inspector:—Crown Sergeant Langley, McEwen and Witchell.

CENTRAL POLICE STATION CANTENES. Attention is specially drawn to orders of Dec. 8th-9th.

PARADES, MCKETRY, ETC. Friday Dec. 10th.—All ranks at "Central" at 9.15 p.m. sharp. Uniforms, caps and covers, and rifles.

Saturday Dec. 11th.—Details for Macketry Course, Part I, as warned by the M.L. leave Blake Pier 1.30 p.m. sharp.

Tuesday, Dec. 14th.—Recruits of 1st and 2nd Platoons, No. 1 Company, and of No. 2 Company, 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15th.—All N. C. Officers, 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16th.—Recruits of 3rd and 4th Platoons, No. 1 Company, and of No. 2 Company.

NO. 3 COMPANY. The Commanders of Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Platoons, under the instruction of Inspector Mow Fung, will warn certain of their men to attend the Recruits Parades of this Company.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENSEN, D.S.P. (Reserve).

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory:—

2.45 p.m. Dec. 8. Typhoon in about 114 degrees Long. E. and 10 degrees Lat. N. moving W.N.W.

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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BALKANS' CAMPAIGN.

A "SUDDEN AWAKENING."

SALONIKA, Dec. 8.
The Anglo-French line in Macedonia has suddenly awakened into activity.

BULGARIAN ACTIVITIES CHECKED.

The Bulgarians during the entire day bombarded the British front and delivered an infantry attack, which was repulsed.

The British casualties were slight. The Bulgarians also used artillery against the French, and appeared to be contemplating the offensive, which however, was cut short by the French "seventy-fives."

ALLIES EVACUATE KRIVOLAK.

PARIS, Dec. 8.
It is reported that the Allies have evacuated the Krivolak sector, and are retiring in good order to prepared positions in the Demirghazi Pass, where they are able to offer effective resistance.

HALF OF MACKENSEN'S ARMY IN BULGARIA.

PARIS, Dec. 8.
It appears that half of General von Mackensen's Army is already in Bulgaria, but it is not known whether its object is to oppose the Russians or to attack the British and French at Strumitza.

TURCO-BULGARIAN DISTRICT INCREASING.

The Turco-Bulgarian situation threatens complications, as the district is increasing.

AUSTRIAN BOMBARDMENT OF SAN GIOVANNI.

PARIS, Dec. 8.
A telegram from Montenegro states that the Austrian squadron which bombarded San Giovanni (mentioned in an earlier telegram) consisted of a cruiser and seven destroyers, accompanied by two aeroplanes.

They sank two steamers—one Greek—the other Italian—and ten sailing ships, and destroyed a French submarine at the mouth of the Bojawa, ten miles north of San Giovanni.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE'S VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

CAPTURE OF BRITISH OFFICERS ON GREEK STEAMER.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
A message from Milan relating to an Austrian submarine commander's capture of Colonel Napier (British Military Attaché at Sofia) and Captain Wilson, M.P., who were on a Greek steamer in the Mediterranean, says the submarine started chasing the steamer eighty miles from Zante. The steamer hoisted her colours and fled, but being shelled and overhauled she stopped. While the Austrians were searching the ship Colonel Napier and Captain Wilson, and another British Red Cross officer stood on deck wearing their uniforms.

The Greek Captain vigorously protested that their capture was a violation of international law; but the commander of the submarine told him that it was none of his business and took off Colonel Napier and Captain Wilson, but released the Red Cross officer.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

A LACONIC REPLY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.
Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State, in reply to Count Bernstorff's inquiry as to the Government's request for the withdrawal of Captain Boyed, and Captain von Pappe, (German naval and military attachés at Washington) simply replies: "Because of their military and naval activities."

THE ATTITUDE OF GREECE.

FURTHER STATEMENTS BY THE KING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

Continuing the account of his interview with the King of Greece, the Special Correspondent of the Associated Press, of the United States, says he asked His Majesty whether Germany had given an assurance that she would respect the neutrality of Greece.

The King replied:—Of course, but that will not prevent the German and Bulgarian armies, as measures of military necessity, pursuing retreating British and French forces into Greece, and turning Greece into a second Poland. I have that assurance also.

The King declared that the election of M. Venizelos was due to his personal popularity, and did not mean approval of his intervention policy, which was not understood by the mass of Greeks.

The King said the arrangement not to resist the landing of the Allies' troops at Salonika was not made with his assent. The minimum Allied Army necessary to accomplish anything in the Balkans was, in his opinion, 400,000. That number was not being sent, and, therefore, Greece must suffer.

The King, replying to a question as to what Greece would do if the Entente Powers used coercion, said: "We would protest to the whole world against the violation of our sovereign rights, and we would resist passively as long as was humanly possible against being forced on a course prejudicial to our liberties and happiness."

The Correspondent asked: "And when you cannot hold out any longer?"

The King replied: "We shall have to denounce, and await the march of events. What else can we do?"

HARROWING TALE OF A GERMAN PRISON CAMP.

EXPERIENCES OF DISABLED BRITISH SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
Seventy-three British disabled soldiers have arrived at Flushing from Germany, en route to England; also 150 civilians, including 50 coloured persons, released from internment in Germany.

The soldiers were a most pathetic sight. Apart from missing legs and arms, they were mostly old and rugged German uniforms, and some wore wooden clogs.

They presented a most extraordinary contrast to the warmly-clad Germans returned to Germany from England.

Seventeen of the British soldiers, who came from the Wittenburg camp, told a harrowing tale of brutality, especially on the occasion when typhus swept the camp in the Spring.

The German guards bolted, and sent food by a shoot into the grounds. Sixteen hundred prisoners died of typhus, including 60 British. Six British Army doctors, who were prisoners in Germany, volunteered to go to the Wittenburg camp. Three of them died of typhus.

EXPLOSION AT A NAMUR FORT.

EIGHTY GERMANS REPORTED KILLED.

THE "COMMUNEPAW'S" CREW.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
An explosion completely destroyed Fort Cogoleto at Namur. Eighty Germans are reported to have been killed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

It appears that the crew of the American oil tank steamer *Commune*, which was sunk by an unknown submarine, numbered 30. The captain and four engineers are Americans, and the ship was bound for Alexandria.

THE ARREST OF A DUTCH EDITOR.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 8.

Attention being called in the Dutch Parliament to the arrest of the chief editor of the *Amsterdam Telegraph*, the Minister of Justice gave an assurance that the freedom of the Press would not be restricted.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

DR. WILSON TO BE AGAIN NOMINATED.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.

The Democratic National Committee has resolved to re-nominate Dr. Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency.

DEATH OF AN IRISH M.P.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The death is announced of Mr. John Roche, M.P. for County Galway.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The British steamer *Commodore* has been sunk. One member of the crew lost his life.

SUZ CANAL DUES TO BE INCREASED.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Suez Canal dues will be increased by 50 centimes on April 1st next.

P. & O. CO. MEETING.

PASSENGER RATES MAY AGAIN BE INCREASED.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

At a meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., Lord Inchcape, the Chairman, said that owing to the great rise in working expenses it might be necessary again to raise the passenger rates.

The amalgamation of the Peninsular and Oriental Co. with the British India Co., he added, was working in every respect satisfactorily.

(Havas Service.)

PARIS, Dec. 7.

French stock now stands at 54.50. Yesterday, artillery activity prevailed notably in the Aisne, Somme and Oise districts, against convoy and moving troops.

Rome: Artillery activity has prevailed on the whole front; we progressed on the Carso Plateau. Madrid: The Government has resigned. It is stated a Liberal Ministry will shortly be formed.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

THE RECENT REBEL ACTIVITY.

PEKING, Dec. 8.

The Vice-Minister of the Navy (Tao Kah Cheung) has been directed to proceed to Shanghai to investigate the recent rebel activity there.

CHAN PIK EXONERATED.

PEKING, Dec. 8.

A Presidential Mandate encourages Chan Pik (the former Minister of Communications) to disregard the false accusations recently made against him, and to prepare himself to render further service to the Government.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH OFFICERS "REMOVED" BY GERMAN SUBMARINE.

ATHENS, Dec. 7.

It is confirmed that a German submarine removed from a Greek steamer Colonel Napier, Attaché at Sofia, and Captain Wilson, M.P.

Greek newspapers state that the German submarine stopped the Greek steamer near Messina and removed Colonel Napier, the British Military Attaché at Sofia.

The Press Bureau states that it is Captain Stanley Wilson, M.P., who is captured. He was conveying letters from the Eastern Mediterranean to London. None of the papers taken from him were important. It was an Austrian submarine.

BRITISH TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The increases in imports in November amounted to £16,129,080 and in exports £11,089,547.

STANDARD OIL VESSEL SHELLED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

The State Department has been advised that the Standard Oil vessel *Petroline* was shelled by a submarine, which was apparently Austrian, between Crete and Tripoli. A sailor was injured.

AMERICAN OIL-TANK STEAMER TORPEDOED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.

A message from Rome says that the American oil-tank steamer *Commune* was torpedoed off Tripoli. The fate of the crew and the nationality of the submarine are unknown.

RUSSIAN APPOINTMENT.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.

M. Khvostoff has been appointed Minister of the Interior, in succession to M. Malakoff.

THE CAUCASUS.

NINETEEN FEET OF SNOW.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.

The most notable fact in the latest *communique* is that there are 19 ft. of snow on the mountainous sectors of the Caucasus front.

ALBANIANS CO-OPERATING WITH BULGARIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

A Bulgarian *communique* claims that the Albanians are co-operating with the Bulgarians in attacking the remnants of the Serbian Army wandering over the Albanian mountains.

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons Sir John Rees asked what was the annual number of appointments necessary to keep up the Indian Civil Service at its usual strength; whether the casualties expected in the next two years would be only a quarter or very much less than the normal figure; if so, what were the reasons? Mr. Chamberlain replied that 43 appointments made in 1914 and there would have been 36 in 1915 had not most of the candidates joined the Army. The Service at present exceeded the aggregate of provincial cadres. Serious disadvantage was not anticipated from reducing recruitment during the war.

Sir John Rees asked whether a reply had been given to the petition of Indian Chaplains for the cancellation of the rule regarding the addition of three years probation to the period of qualification for pension? Mr. Chamberlain said the Raj had been informed he was unable to accept representations involving a considerable addition to the Ecclesiastical charges.

ALLIED WAR COUNCIL.

JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT.

PARIS, Dec. 8.

Field-Marshal Sir John French (the British Commander-in-Chief) and General Sir Archibald Murray (Chief of the General Staff) were present at the second Allied War Council at the French Headquarters yesterday. The meeting was presided over by General Joffre. Japanese and other Allied representatives were also present.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER AND PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.

Speaking in the Hungarian Chamber, Count Andrássy declared that in view of the declarations of the French Premier and the speeches in the House of Commons there was little probability of peace. The enemy does not acknowledge the present result of the war and is doing all possible to obtain a change in the fortunes of war. "I am convinced," concluded the Count, "that we will be able to continue the war till they are obliged to ask for peace."

FRENCH SUBMARINE & SEVERAL YACHTS SUNK.

PARIS, Dec. 7.

The Ministry of Marine announces that according to a German wireless message an Austrian warship destroyed the French submarine *Fresnel* on Sunday, and made the crew of 28 prisoners.

An Austrian *communique* shows that the *Fresnel* was destroyed in the vicinity of San Giovanni. It asserts that an Austrian cruiser and destroyers on the same day sank five steamers and five large and several small sailing vessels discharging war material at San Giovanni. Twenty guns ashore heavily bombarded the flotilla.

Another flotilla on the 23rd November sank an Italian armed steamer and a sailor, bound from Brindisi to Durazzo, fully laden.

WESTERN FRONT.

FIERCE CANNONADE IN ARTOIS.

PARIS, Dec. 8.

The evening *communique* says:—The Franco-Belgian artillery demolished an enemy work at Hettel. A cannonade in Artois was very fierce, and was accompanied at some points by fighting with heavy bombs. The struggle continued in Champagne for the possession of an advanced trench to the south of Saint Souplet. Our counter-attacks have regained most of the lost trench.

THE "DISTURBANCES" AT SHANGHAI.

JAPAN'S PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

TOKYO, Dec. 8.

It is understood that in view of the disturbances in Shanghai, Japan is "taking" measures to protect Japanese residents and interests. Several Japanese warships are already on the scene.

GERMAN CONSPIRACIES IN CHINA.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions regarding the behaviour of Germans on the Shamen, Canton, and the suggestions that all Germans should be interned or expelled, that German concessions in China should be occupied, and the German Consuls and officials arrested in order to prevent conspiracies similar to those in Persia, Sir Edward Grey said he had no official information regarding the alleged misconduct of Germans on the Shamen. The intrigues of Germans in China, however, were being anxiously considered by the Government.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The death is announced of the first Baron Armitstead.

THE FIVE ALLIED POWERS.

A Press Bureau *communique* gives the official text of the declaration emanating from the five Allied Powers—binding themselves, by mutual consent, not to conclude a separate peace, and to put forward no peace conditions without the full agreement of the Powers who signed the accord.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

Lord Crewe (in concluding his statement in the House of Lords regarding Mesopotamia) added that the retirement from Ctesiphon to a strong position down the river was a wise course to adopt, and ought generally to be approved.

Lord Sydenham, referring to the campaign in Mesopotamia, said the one bright spot in a very dark picture was the manner in which General Townshend's forces fought at Ctesiphon. Their gallant stand against greatly superior forces, and the capture of 1,600 prisoners, was a very fine feat of arms. The force consisted largely of Indian troops who had been more than a year from home, and had endured the supreme test of fighting after a long summer. No praise was too great for such men. He thought that General Townshend, by a wise retirement when he found overwhelming forces against him, saved the force from a great disaster.

THE "MISHIMA MARO" OPION CASE.

To-day's Proceedings.

Edmund Walter Hiehrath, Mrs. Ethel Hiehrath, and Madame Delcours were charged on remand this afternoon before Mr. Hazell with attempting to import opium into the Colony on the s.s. *Mishima Maru*, and with unlawful possession of the same.

Mr. T. H. King, Assistant Superintendent of Police, presided. Mr. F. O. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Mason defended. Detective-Sergeant Pincott, continuing his evidence, said that when he went on board after he searched the first defendant's cabin and went with him to the cabin occupied by the second and third defendants. He spoke to second defendant, asking whether she had any hold baggage. The first defendant replied for her, saying that the second defendant believed there were some boxes in the hold bearing her name. The second defendant said she had been asked in London to allow some boxes to be put on board with her baggage. The name Cohen was mentioned by the second defendant as that of the person who had asked her. The third defendant said she had no baggage whatever in the baggage room.

By Mr. Jenkins—Witness burst out laughing when "Ed or Cohen" was mentioned. Witness had heard of him before. He did not know he had been well known in the Colony for ten years. About six months ago he was named in connection with a case in Hongkong in which a person having two tickets of opium was acquitted. Witness had seen Cohen once, about ten months ago, when he claimed to be connected with cinematograph business. Witness had no opinion as to whether he was distinguished looking.

Mr. Jenkins—He was an ordinary decent looking man, the sort to inspire confidence, the sort who would strike the casual observer as a bank manager's chap? Witness did not know. He did not remember Mrs. Reardon's case of Cohen as connected with the O'Gorman Film Company. He turned to Mr. King and said "more of Cohen's work." Cohen's name was known to the police of Hongkong. The case was again adjourned.

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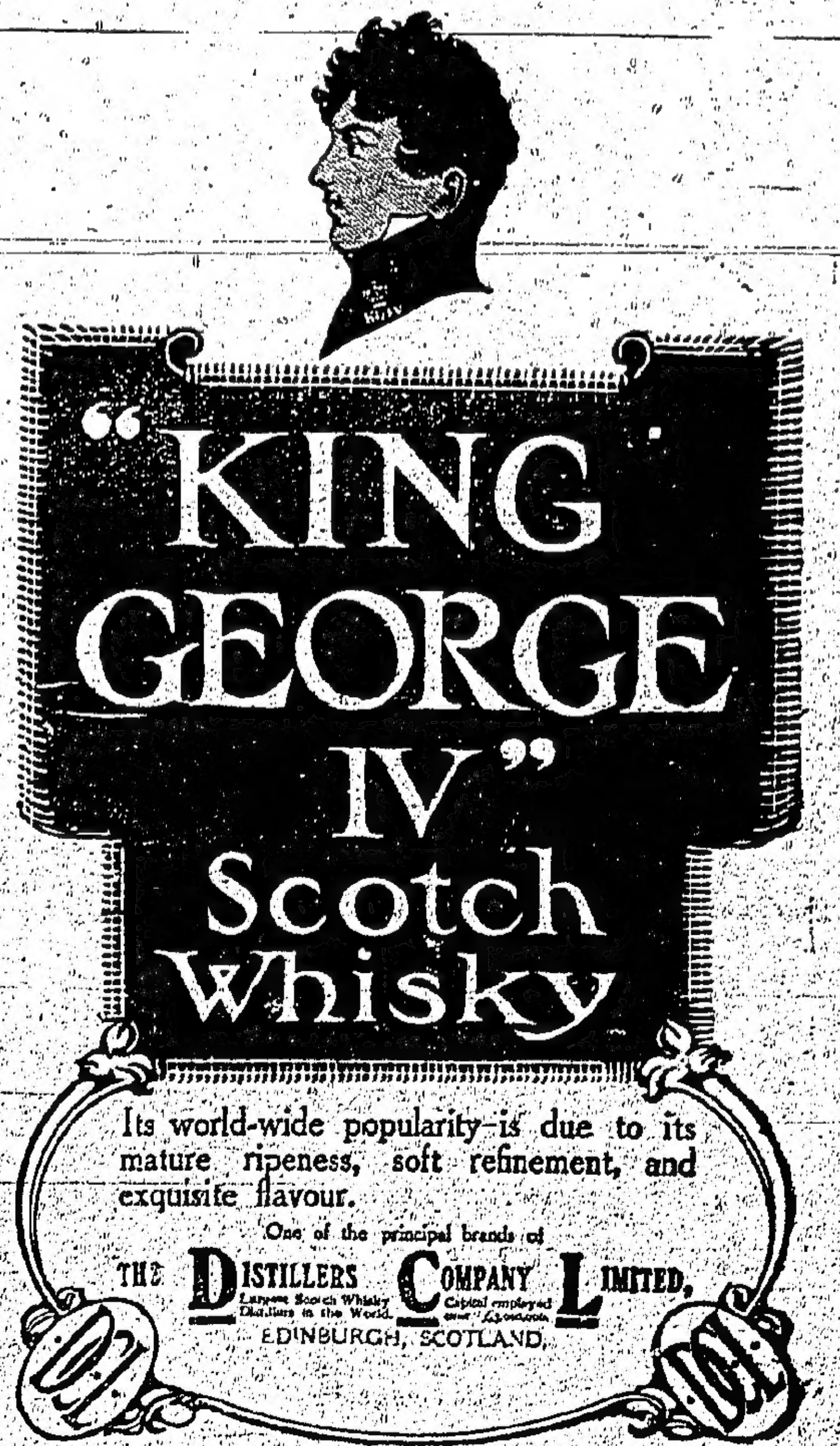
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 9th at 11 P.M.—A fresh anticyclone appears to be forming over N. China.

Pressure has decreased slightly over Japan and the Loochoos, & increased considerably over Luzon.

At 6 a.m. this morning the typhoon centre was in about latitude 18° N. and longitude 117° E. travelling W.N.W.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the east coast of China and eye on the gale over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 10th:—1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: North winds, fresh; overcast; drizzling rain at times.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. gale. 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamcocks: The same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

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